UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING IMAGE

PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING IMAGE OBTAINED BY

PICKING UP OR READING ORIGINAL

Enclosed are:

24 pages of specification, claims, abstract.

Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Priority Claimed.

Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-260961

10 sheets of formal drawing.

An assignment of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD.

and the assignment recordation fee.

An associate power of attorney.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.

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Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					\$0.00
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